

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 2, 2007

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Psychology was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Peter Oppenheimer, PhD

James Campbell, PhD

James Curran, PhD

Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski PhD

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

The minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 2007 were presented.

On motion by Peter Oppenheimer, seconded by James Curran it was unanimously voted to accept the Open Session minutes as presented.

After a more detailed and comprehensive review of Robert Walker's application for licensure by exam, the Board on a motion entered by Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, seconded by Peter Oppenheimer, voted unanimously to deny said application. Reasons for denial: the Board did not feel the studies were substantially oriented to psychology according to the requirements of the licensing rules and regulations. Specifically, Mr. Walker's transcripts and his "Curriculum Summary Form (Non-APA Programs) indicated course work meeting the requirements of 7(b)&(c). However, course work identified as meeting other criteria of the Summary Form do not meet the APA standard of other criteria to meet the requirements. In addition, 7 (b) and 8 listed duplicate (same) courses. Information on number 9 lacks sufficient data to assess the needed qualifications of his supervision and determine if it was substantially psychological in nature (school supervisors are not psychologists). Also noted, the ethics course was not in psychology.

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Members reviewed a request from James Harris regarding eligibility

for licensure without having completed a pre-doctoral internship in his doctoral educational program (foreign-education – non APA approved) and eligibility through a Master of Arts. Rhode Island regulations require a one-year pre-doctoral internship be completed during an individual's doctoral program. Further, individuals who have completed non-APA approved programs are required to meet the “equivalent” academic criteria as required by the Board.

Member, Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, informed the board of an Impaired Colleagues Committee, being formed by a group of licensees looking to create a body for impaired professionals, whether mandated or voluntary (confidential). The committee is currently look at existing models. Margaret will participate and keep the board apprised and up to date on the committee's efforts and fact finding.

Members discussed plans by the Council for Affordable Quality Health Care (CAQHC) to create a registry or standard credentialing system to provide licensing information to health insurance companies/panels. Discussion centered both on the type of information that is publicly available and that which is confidential. The Board was apprised, the Department of Health would not release confidential information without a specific release from an individual licensee or appropriate subpoena.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of James Curran seconded by Peter Oppenheimer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. Complaint # PS-02-2006, PS#01-2007 and a malpractice question were addressed.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order. On motion of Peter Oppenheimer, seconded by Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, it was unanimously voted too keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Adjournment

On motion of Peter Oppenheimer, seconded by James Campbell, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Open session adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Acting Board Administrator

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